

REMARKS

Claims 1, and 4-21 are all the claims pending in the application. In the September 29, 2004 Advisory Action, the Examiner addressed Applicants' arguments to distinguish the present invention from the cited art. In particular, the Examiner stated that the feature of the present invention allowing a response to a plurality of requests from a plurality of devices simultaneously was not recited. Applicants have amended the claims to more clearly define this feature, and respectfully submit that the claims distinguish over the cited art for the reasons discussed in the July 28, 2004 Response.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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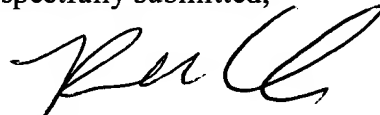
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